

# Cruise Management Plan

Working Group's follow up presentation to Council

8/16/2022

*“What world lies beyond that stormy sea [we] do not know,  
but every ocean has a distant shore, and [we] shall reach it.”*

*- Cesare Pavese*

# Agenda

- Recap Working Group recommendation for Council consideration
- TL;DR, synopsis of the Q and A document
- Addressing the shorter cruise season
- Addressing Risk
- Other Links in the Document

Recap Working Group  
recommendation for Council  
consideration

# Our Path Forward

- Shorter Cruise Season.
  - No Cruise ships in April
  - No Cruise ships in November
- Monthly Caps.
  - May and June – 30k each
  - July and August – 40k each
  - Sept and Oct – 65k each
- Daily Caps.\*
  - 3,800 for May
  - 3,800 for June
  - 3,500 for July
  - 3,500 for August
  - 3,800 for September
  - 3,800 for October
- Limited Number per Day\*\*
  - 3 maximum

\* Some discretion of the harbormaster to allow current ships slightly over 3,800 to still anchor (up to 200). Also exempts US flagged under 200 from the daily cap.

\*\* All ships under 200 lower berth capacity are exempt from the daily max

# TL;DR

synopsis of the Q and A document

# Lower Berth Capacity (lbc)

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- Harbormaster schedules the daily allowed based on the lbc.
- Fees are collected based on lbc.

<b>01 SEP - 07:00</b> dep 16:00	<b>CELEBRITY SUMMIT</b> 964'   2038 guests	Anchorage B1 last port   Boston
<b>01 SEP - 08:00</b> dep 17:00	<b>NORWEGIAN PEARL</b> 965'   2376 guests	Anchorage B2 last port   Portland
<b>03 SEP - 07:00</b> dep 17:00	<b>NORWEGIAN PEARL</b> 965'   2376 guests	Anchorage B2 last port   Boston
<b>03 SEP - 07:00</b> dep 19:00	<b>CARIBBEAN PRINCESS</b> 950'   3110 guests	Anchorage B1 last port   —
<b>04 SEP - 07:00</b> dep 05 Sep 04:30	<b>AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE</b> 215'   100 guests	Anchorage B1 last port   —

<https://maine.portcall.com/#!?tab=2&port=Bar%20Harbor>

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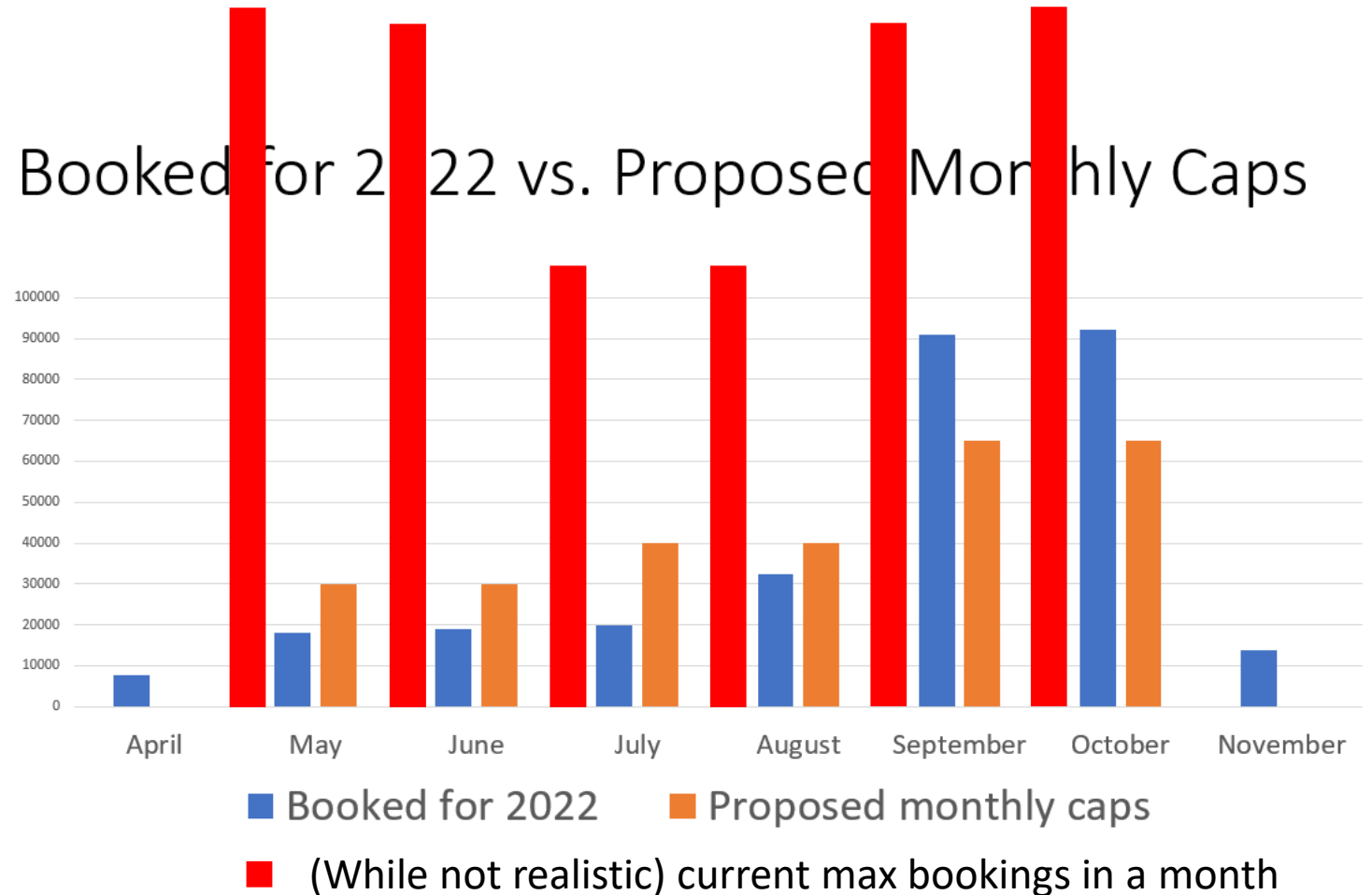
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## Fees are collected based on lbc.

- Regardless of actual number of passengers
- Regardless of actual number of passengers who choose to disembark
- This is the least staff intensive and has the greatest financial gain for the town compared to counting passengers

# Why does it look like we're increasing?

- We're not.
- We're creating a much greater level of **control** with monthly caps.

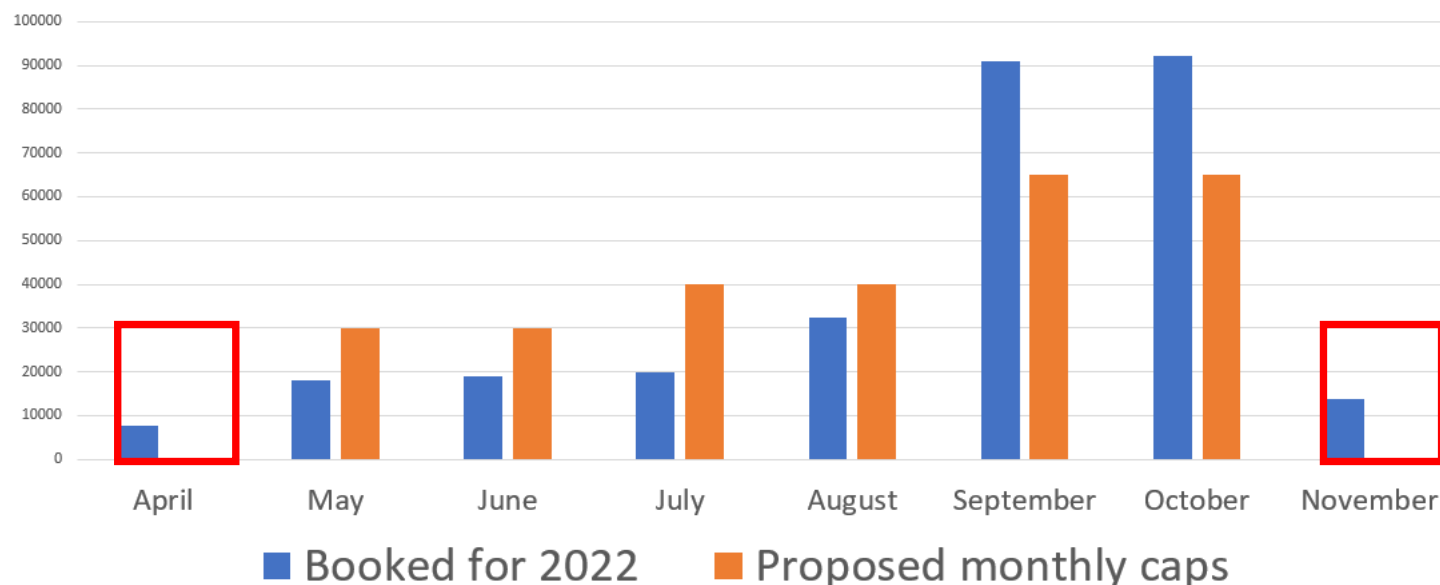




# Why does it look like we're increasing?

- We're not.
- We're **reducing** from 2/3 to 1/2 of the year with Cruise ships.
- We're **reducing** from 8 months to 6 months of the year with Cruise ships.

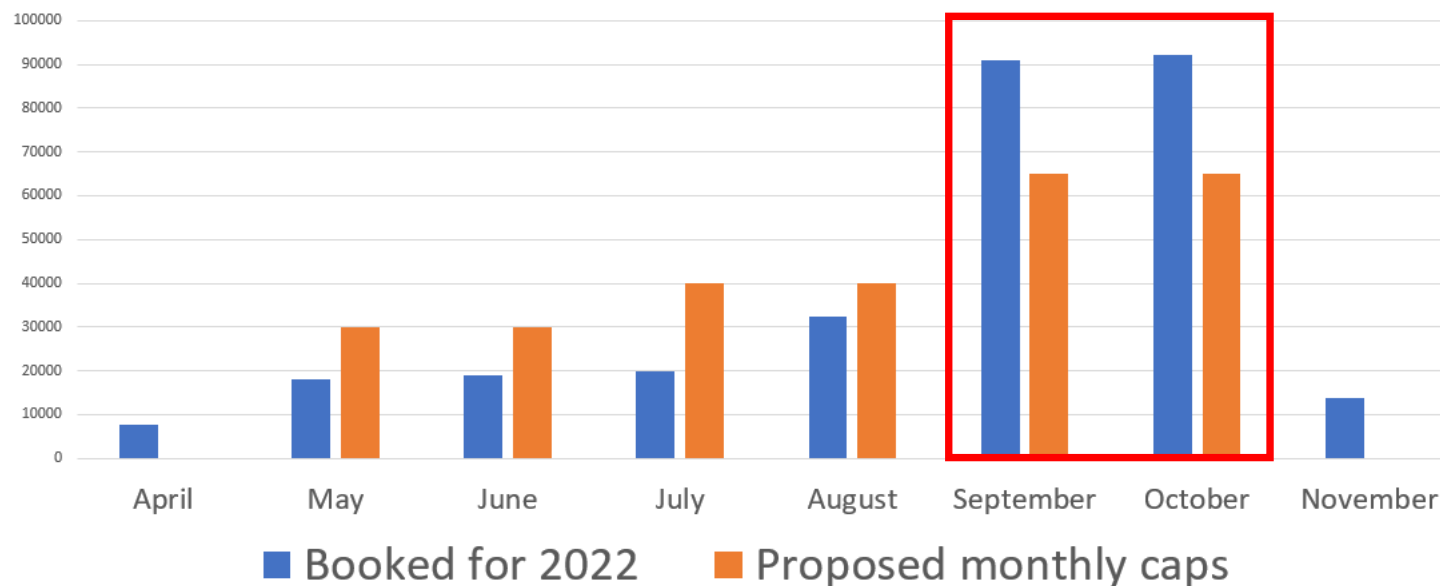
Booked for 2022 vs. Proposed Monthly Caps



# Why does it look like we're increasing?

- We're not.
- September and October booked for 2022 compared to the proposed cap are both a 30% **reduction** for each month.

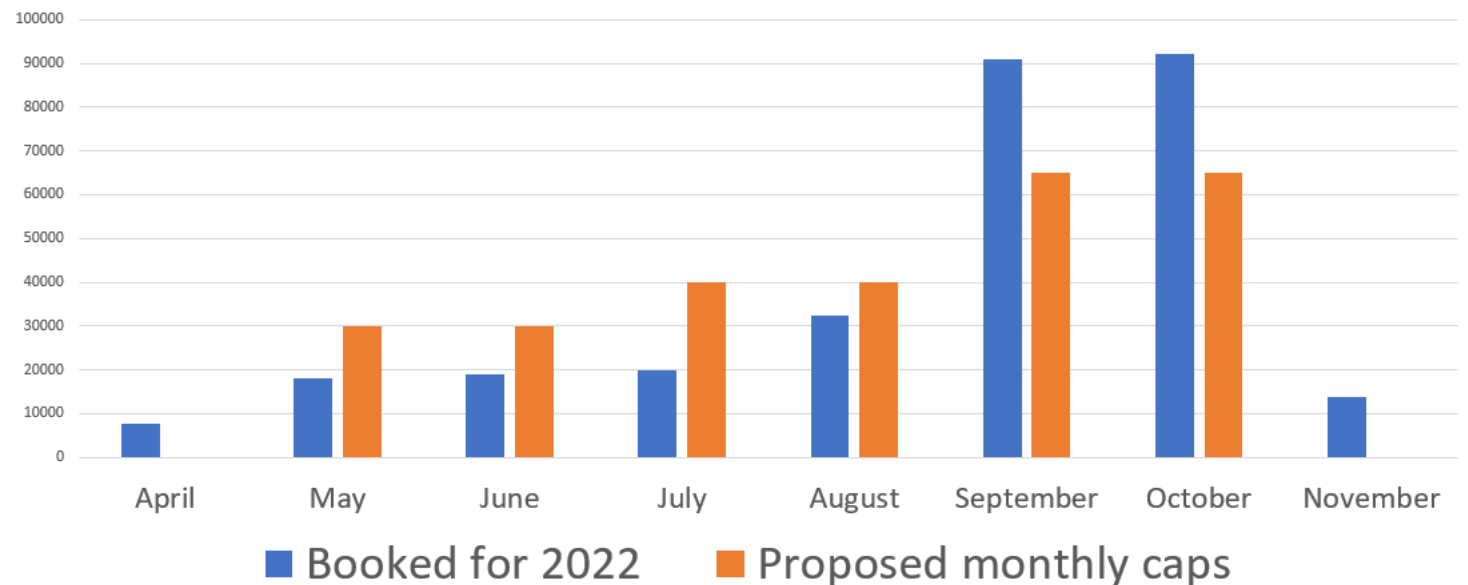
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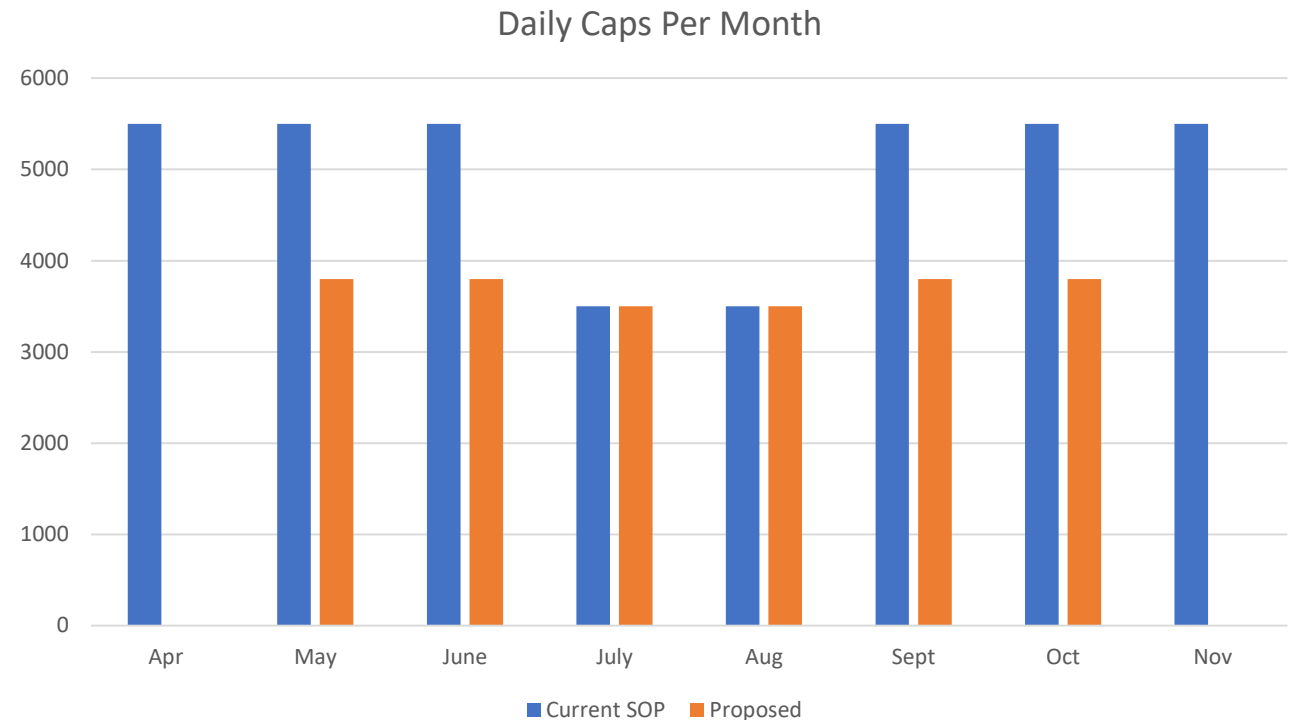
- We're not.
- The entire year is, at **full utilization** of the monthly cap, a 10% **reduction** compared to 2022.

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# Why does it look like we're increasing?

- We're not.
- The daily caps per month further help show this.
- May June, Sept, and Oct are all 31% reductions in the daily lbc compared to current SOP.



Addressing the shorter cruise  
season

# Why recommend no cruise in April and November?

- In April, the highway crew is often still plowing and sanding roads when ships come to port. This presents huge challenges with having comfort stations open, trash receptacles on the street, sweeping and landscaping done and all other general spring clean up tasks the highway crew is faced with.
- Private floats are stored in all of the main parking areas of town property adjacent to the pier and fishermen pay a fee to the town for this storage. Most springs floats are not removed from the lots until the middle of May due to weather conditions that make it difficult to perform work on the water.

# Why recommend no cruise in April and November?

- Weather conditions are often not good on the water in April. Heavy winds, rain, and fog make anchoring vessels difficult and tendering passengers on small boats dangerous. It will also force the use of anchorage A more often as Anchorage B, due to the distance from port in poor sea conditions, is unsafe to use in times of bad weather.
- Staffing for parking and traffic enforcement who most commonly work cruise ship details are not hired and in place until the start of Paid parking on May 15th.

# Why recommend no cruise in April and November?

- The finger floats at the town pier are never in the water in April meaning we do not have a place to dock the Police boat. This gives us no means of response to emergency situations relating to cruise ships should one take place. Also due to poor weather any emergency response from the USCG or other maritime emergency responders will be slowed.



# Why recommend no cruise in April and November?

- The user experience for the cruise ship passengers is not the same:
  - Restrooms (Town Pier and Newport) cannot operate that early or late because the pipes would freeze
  - Town park fountains are winterized and cleaned up before winter
  - Trash cans are reduced to a very minimal amount throughout town
  - Park benches along Main Street and Cottage Street are removed for winter

# Why recommend no cruise in April and November?

- Early morning duty runs from May 1 to Oct 31, and consists of:
  - Sidewalk washdown and street sweeping occurs daily in the early morning
  - Trash Cans are emptied daily and sometimes twice per day
  - This routine cleaning would not work well in April or November when the crews are dealing with snow and ice

# Why recommend no cruise in April and November?

- In April/May, the highway operations are
  - Spring cleanup
  - fixing any downtown issues
  - starting (and finishing) any projects
  - standing up parking meters

# Why recommend no cruise in April and November?

- In October/November, the highway operations are
  - shutting the downtown area down for winter and rigging the snow plow operations
  - completing any unfinished projects before winter

# Addressing Risk

- Any decision the Council makes (or doesn't make) has risk. By negotiating directly with the cruise industry, we believe this is the least risky option to work to achieve reductions and take a step towards addressing balance for the community.

# Other Links in the document

- Posted to the [Cruise Ship Working Group](#) site
  - Presentation shared 8/2/2022
  - Updated [Emails on Cruise](#) to include a few additional comments/questions
  - 2022 Cruise Ship [Standard Operating Procedure](#)
  - [Questions and responses](#) to the Cruise Management Plan
  - (and soon to be this presentation)
- Federal regulations the Bar Harbor [Anchorage Grounds](#)
- [Portcall](#) – software / website used to reserve and book cruise ships
- [PDF](#) or [video](#) explaining the financials related to cruise revenue.
- Town Attorney's opinion from [1/19/2021 Council meeting](#) (page 92)